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## **ABSTRACT**

## ADDITIVE FOR GYPSUM AND SPECIAL MORTAR, COMPOSITIONS THAT CONTAIN THE ADDITIVE AND USE OF THE ADDITIVE IN GYPSUM AND SPECIAL MORTAR

A water retaining additive for conglomerate building materials, free of cellulose-like derivatives, that comprises at least a rheological grade clay, preferably sepiolite, and a modified natural gum—such as guar gum, as well as conglomerate compositions that contain the additive, as well as the use of the additive for different constructions materials comprised of gypsum—and special mortars are described.

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